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Council's Response to Election Challenge Is Seen as Unique

by Thomas X. White

The second public hearing on the Greenbelt City Council's position regarding changes to the electoral process for the election of councilmembers was held on Wednesday, February 11 at the Greenbriar Condominium's Community Center. Participants used the same format as for the first hearing on Saturday, February 7 at the city's Community Center.

For the Greenbriar hearing only Councilmember Konrad Herling was unable to attend because of illness. City Solicitor Robert Manzi and the city's special attorney, Stephen Silvestri, who has been engaged to address the voting reform issues, provided opening statements outlining the position taken by council in their Statement on Voting System Reform, which had been made available on January 26.

Nine citizens, including two who had spoken at the previous hearing, signed up to speak at this second meeting. In response to questions raised by a few of the speakers, Manzi and Silvestri elaborated on specific issues.

Manzi indicated that the city will likely go further in its analysis of the precincts by assessing, to the extent possible, issues such

as rental versus owned homes, U.S. citizenship and voting eligibility and levels of voter registration.

Silvestri, in response to the final speaker, elaborated on the issue of timing for the proposed changes. Prefacing his response, he noted that in his experience, the approach that council is taking in response to the challenges issued by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is "unique" in terms of the open discussion council has fostered over the past year.

The usual response of elected bodies with such challenges, he said, is to await the expected suit and challenge the charges in court. He cited a recent case involving similar issues for the community of Port Chester, N.Y., where a prolonged legal battle has continued for the past four or five years and, even when the judicial decision is made, could involve two or more years to study possible remedies. He and Manzi believe that a possible timeline for Greenbelt is to complete the hearing process this spring.

Council will continue meeting

with its advisors to consider all the testimony it receives via the hearings and by mail and email and then make a final decision on proposed changes and begin the process of implementing any changes.

Any changes requiring Charter amendments would go through the usual legislative process of introduction for first reading, second reading at a subsequent council meeting and adoption. Following adoption by council, the Charter amendments would be subject to referendum by Greenbelt voters, who could file a petition within 50 days following council adoption.

Realistically, the process could extend beyond 2009. Manzi does not see any effect on plans for a Greenbelt City Council election under the current system in November 2009.

City's Approach

Silvestri provided the audience of about 30 with background on the approach the city is taking in response to charges against the city made by the Maryland chapters of the NAACP and the ACLU that Greenbelt is violating Section

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Library Hosts the Debut Of the New Lincoln Penny

by David V. Wendell

Fitting and proper remarks were delivered at the Greenbelt Branch of the Prince George's County Public Library on Saturday, February 14 as the library hosted the Suburban Washington D.C. Abraham Lincoln 200th Birthday Celebration. Authors, historians and Civil War re-enactors gathered for the formal ceremony, which included a Lincoln look-alike contest, the singing of Happy Birthday and a recitation of the Gettysburg Address.

A birthday cake in the shape of Lincoln's top hat served as the centerpiece of an exhibit commemorating the 16th President's connections to the D.C. area. Lincoln was nominated for his second term as commander-in-chief at Baltimore and Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, a Maryland native, swore him in as President. The original top hat itself, which Lincoln used for carrying secret documents, is displayed at the Smithsonian American History Museum.

A souvenir of the occasion

was offered to all in attendance as the event in Greenbelt also served as the public debut of the new Lincoln penny in the State of Maryland. The U.S. mint will be introducing a series of four special-edition coins throughout 2009 featuring various scenes from Lincoln's career.

Keynote speaker for the celebration was Elizabeth Brownstein, author of "Lincoln's Other White House: The Untold Story of the Man and his Presidency." She brought a contemporary touch to the 200th birthday, comparing the lives of Lincoln and Barack Obama. "As I look back on doing research for my book, I find that Lincoln and Obama share more in common than we realize," she said, "I can see why he (Obama) emulates him so much."

Brownstein's book focuses largely on the summers Lincoln spent in a mansion on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home in

See **PENNY**, page 10

Greenbelter Ty Robbins, Michelle Obama's Stand-in

by Paula Clinedinst

Most Greenbelters will carry their 2009 Inauguration experience with them forever, whether they waited in the cold to watch the parade, performed as part of the Armed Forces musicians or watched the festivities from the comforts of home. One



Ty Robbins

member of our community will remember the inauguration a little differently. Ty Robbins, a Greenbelt resident for 17 years, was Michelle Obama's stand-in for the ABC televised Neighborhood Ball, arguably the year's premiere ball.

As a "stand-in" for the event, Robbins spent the preceding two days and Inauguration Day itself at the D.C. Convention Center rehearsing for the festivities. Lighting, camera angles, sound bites, timing – all were rehearsed ahead of time to ensure that the event

itself would go off without a hitch.

Everything was rehearsed by actors, right up to the dance that the President and Mrs. Obama would share on Inauguration night. None of this, however, was new to Robbins; she does this kind

of work all the time.

The Neighborhood Ball was a star-studded performance, so in addition to standing in as Michelle Obama, Robbins played the roles of Queen Latifah and Good Morning America's Robin Roberts during preparations for the event.

This particular ball had performances by Mary J. Blige, Faith Hill, Sting and Beyoncé, among others, and at one point

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Greenbelt Elementary School Mentoring Program Gets A+

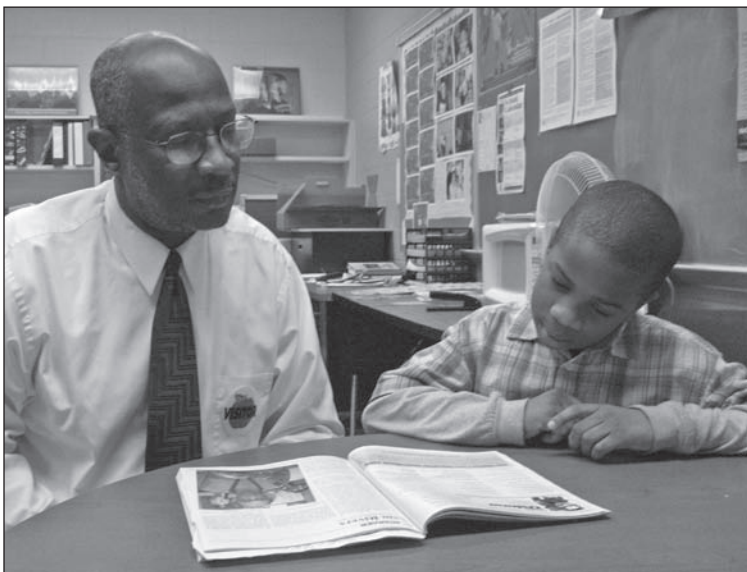
by Jacob Novick

The 2008-2009 school year at Greenbelt Elementary School has already been filled with achievements. One has been the mentoring program. Members of three University of Maryland student groups are working to make positive changes in the lives of students at the school.

Young men and women from Black Male Initiative, Sisters of Unity and Love and Leaders in Action come each week to mentor boys and girls at the school. Even though the program is in the early stages of development, administrators and teachers have already noticed positive differences in many of the participating students.

The mentoring program was a result of many meetings of the school's P-team. The P-team consists of the principal, the school counselor, the parent liaison, the school nurse and the pupil personnel worker. The meetings were centered on students with discipline and suspension referrals.

Often, after speaking with the student, teachers and family members, the P-team determined that there was a greater need for assistance than for meting out consequences. The P-team would



Dr. Ronald Zigler works with Greenbelt Elementary School fifth grader Maximus Onuoha.

provide resources or assistance for the family and often for the teacher.

The mentoring program, however, was designed to benefit the student directly. Many children expressed a desire for positive, young role models and one-on-one attention.

After spending a majority of last year looking for mentoring resources, School Counselor Donna Behe finally connected with

Solomon Commissioning of the Black Male Initiative. The organization, searching for a grassroots community outreach project, was eager to get started.

For the remainder of last year, 10 mentors came to the school to meet and work with 10 anxious young men. The 10 mentors varied from freshmen to seniors to alumni and even to professors.

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What Goes On

Monday, February 23

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channels 21 and 71)

Wednesday, February 25

7:30 p.m., Senior Advisory Committee, Room 111

7:30 p.m., Public Hearing on Voting System Reform, SHL Recreation Center

Thursday, February 26

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters

Global Warming: Stop It!

How many people like to ice skate? Who has ever wanted to see a polar bear? You might not in, say, 20 years. Don't let that happen!

Protect the Earth! Have you seen World Wildlife Fund calendars? The polar bears and penguins look so happy! Save the Earth! It is for your own good.

Alison C. Graham,
age 8

15,000 Migrating Birds At Greenbelt Lake

During the feather end of January, my dog Molly and I took our customary hike around Greenbelt Lake and were amazed to see it carpeted by Canada geese from the approximate center of the lake to the end near the parking lot area.

I estimated the number of these migratory birds to be 15,000! The way I arrived at this total was to count 10, noting the space the closely packed birds occupied, then I counted nine more spaces of the same size; so that made 100. Then I counted 10 more spaces of that size, which came to 1,000 birds. After counting the 1,000-bird groupings, I found they came to 15. Thus the estimated total of 15,000.

I regret not arriving with my camera before this horde of birds took off for other climes. The photos I did take provide the tiniest hint of the departed population but are not without a touch of charm and beauty.

Lots of sea gulls arrived on the scene eager to be fed by a man feeding them like tame pets.

Matthew Hyland



Canada geese in great numbers are often seen around Greenbelt Lake.

The Bus
Seniors and Disabled
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OLD GREENBELT
THEATRE

WEEK OF Feb. 20

The Reader
(R)

Friday
*5, 7:35, 9:55

Saturday
*2:30, *5, 7:35, 9:55

Sunday
*2:30, *5, 7:35

Monday-Thursday
*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
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New Deal Café Music Offerings This Week

“Euphonism” will perform a capella music at the New Deal Café on Friday, February 20 from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, February 21 is a celebration of Brazilian Carnaval, with John Guernsey playing jazz piano at 6:30 p.m., followed by Buck Hill performing with “Magic Ray Jazz” at 8 p.m. and at 10 p.m., samba the night away with “Som Brasil.” It will be a night to remember.

On Sunday, February 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jim Stimson plays the lute; from 6 to 8 p.m. Mike Elosh performs distinctive, original folk music and from 8 p.m. to midnight patrons can attend the Café’s Oscar Party, show off Oscar finery, walk the red carpet with the best and watch the ceremony on TV.

From 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24 join the Mardi Gras celebration with the Cajun Jam. On Wednesday, February 25 from 7 to 9 p.m., Dennis Botzer will play Irish piano music. The Songwriter’s Association of Washington will hold an open microphone session on Thursday, February 26 from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information about all events visit the Café website at www.newdealcafe.com or call 301-474-5642.

Watershed Groups Hold Stream Cleanup

This Saturday, February 21 the 2009 cleanup activity season starts in Greenbelt’s watersheds.

Join Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) and Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) on the first 2009 cleanup at Sunnyside Avenue in Beltsville.

Meet at 9 a.m. on Sunnyside Avenue off Edmonston Road. From Edmonston Road proceed past the railroad tracks and park on the parking lot to the right and walk back to the stream (across tracks; less than 1/4 mile). Wear layered clothing for a wet day and bring boots or waders – gloves, trash bags and refreshments will be provided.

For more information visit www.ccric.org or www.beaverdamcreek.org.

Hearing Impaired Writing Contest

Enter a national writing contest for students in grades 10 or 11 with hearing loss. Students can use the power of words to express their feelings and win prizes in the fourth annual Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) SpiRiT Writing Contest. Winners will have their choice of prizes. Entries will include creative writing such as a short story or poem, a short writing sample and a personal reflection. Complete contest guidelines and entry information are available at www.rit.edu/NTID/WritingContestNR.

The deadline to enter is March 15. More information is available on the web at WritingContest@ntid.rit.edu or by calling 585-475-7695 (voice/TTY).

County Schools Offer Specialty Programs

Parents and students have an opportunity to secure an available seat in one of the Opportunity Zone schools in Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS). The schools include Enrichment and Specialty Programs and Public Charter Schools. These innovative school models are offered within the new “Opportunity Zone” established this school year. Each has its own application and both are available on the school system website at www.pgcps.org.

Applications for the 2009-10 school year lottery are available on the school system website and are due in the Office of Enrichment and Specialty Program by 5 p.m. Friday, March 6. Applications can be mailed or delivered to the Sasscer Administration Building 14201 School Lane, Room 201-I, Upper Marlboro.

The lottery drawing will be held on Thursday, March 26 and placement letters will be mailed to homes during the months of April and May. A full listing of Opportunity Zone schools and programs as well as more information on the application process is available on the PGCPS website.

For more information call the Office of Enrichment and Specialty Programs at 301-952-6044.

Grin Belt

"It's either space debris, a UFO
or a flying acorn!"

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, February 26, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Underground Storm Drain Repair 14A-D Ridge, 2nd Reading
- Contract for Repairs at 8A Laurel Hill, 2nd Reading
- Rules Change for Satellite DISH Installation
- 2009 Energy Audit Contract (tentative)
- Comment Period for Member Handbook Changes
- Revised Strategic Plan

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

GHI Notes



Scheduled Meetings:
Friday, February 20, Office Closed
Monday, February 23, 6:45 p.m., Communication Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby
7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room
Tuesday, February 24, 7 p.m., New Member Social – Board Room
Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room
7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby
Thursday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room
Monday, March 2, 7 p.m., Companion Animal Grief Support Group
Tuesday, March 3, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room
Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m., Member & Community Relations Committee – GHI Lobby
Friday, March 6 – GHI offices closed
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library

Storytimes
A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.
Tuesday, February 24, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.
Wednesday, February 25, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.
Thursday, February 26, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.
Caregivers can pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Blood Drive Is to Be At Synagogue Mar. 1

On Sunday, March 1 from noon to 4 p.m. a Red Cross blood drive will be held at Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road. To make an appointment call 301-474-8617 or email BenParks58@yahoo.com. Drop-ins are also welcome.



The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club
2009 Soccer Registration
Greenbelt Youth Center
99 Centerway Dr.
Tues., Feb. 24 & Thurs., Feb. 26*,
6:30-9pm
***Additional dates to follow**
For more information, please call 301-794-0100
(press 7) or visit us at www.greenbeltbgc.com

Greenbelt Nursery School

Open House

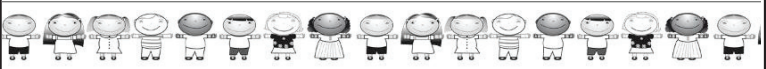
Registration for Fall 2009
Saturday, February 21, 10 am - 1 pm

Classes for children ages 2, 3, and 4
Two, three, and five days a week.
Low child to staff ratio.
Full day educational programs available.

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FONDCA Benefit Concert Next Friday

On Friday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m., the New Deal Café will be the site for a benefit concert to support the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA). Piano man John Geurnsey, Donna Fletcher and “Snakehead Run” will all perform. A donation will be requested. For more information about the event or the performers visit www.newdealcafe.com.
Donna Fletcher started out as a folk guitarist/vocalist many years ago but she now focuses primarily on finger-style blues and the world of traditional women’s blues. Her blues have been described as “sometimes downhearted but always with a touch of sass.”

In recent years she has appeared solo and in various configurations at such venues as the Washington Folk Festival, Modern Times Café, the Austrian Embassy and Eastern Market. Fletcher serves on the board of the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation and is featured on the foundation’s two compilation CDs. She is actively engaged in promoting traditional music and has been programming festivals and concert series in the Washington area for over 20 years.
“Snakehead Run” plays an infectious, driving variety of old-time acoustic blues that often has audiences tapping their toes and dancing. Specializing in authentic blues that might be heard on a street corner or juke joint in New Orleans, Memphis or Louisville early in the last century, they introduce listeners to the roots of some of today’s music but in today’s terms.

Snakehead Run plays at a wide variety of venues, from the streets of Old Town Alexandria to the Washington Folklife and other festivals to various bars and pubs throughout the D.C. area. More information about the band and some samples are available at www.myspace.com/dennyand-markblues.

Garden Club Annual Meeting Is March 5

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. People wanting plots must attend. A fee will be charged for plots.

Explore Mobile Mental Health Services

The Explorations Unlimited program Friday, February 27 at 1 p.m. will be a presentation by Vernessa Scurry from the Housing and Outreach Department of QCI Behavioral Health. Scurry, who has a master’s degree in counseling psychology and a bachelor’s degree in psychology, will discuss what QCI offers, where it’s located, what population it serves and how to get into the program.

Operating in Prince George’s and Washington Counties, QCI Behavioral Health is dedicated to improving the quality of life of those challenged by mental illness and low income, especially those individuals who are traditionally considered the most difficult to serve. Its interdisciplinary team provides clinic and community-based services including psychiatry, psychotherapy, case management and psychiatric and vocational rehabilitation.

Scurry helps to bring people into QCI and, once they are clients, assists them in their search for housing. In the previous year, she has also worked in the Mobile Treatment Department.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. For details call 301-397-2208.

Fixsen Will Address Astronomical Society

At the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt meeting on Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. Dale J. Fixsen, Ph.D., will talk on “ARCADE and the Extra Galactic Radio Background.” His talk will focus on the ARCADE 2 instrument and the observations that show a much larger than expected radio background.

Fixsen is a senior visiting scientist at the University of Maryland and Goddard Space Flight Center. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree from Pacific Lutheran University he did graduate work at Princeton University, earning master’s and Ph.D. degrees.

The meeting will be held at the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham (across from Goddard Space Flight Center). All are welcome.



Fri, Feb. 27
8 to 11 pm

Come for the Fun!

Fundraiser Concert
Donna Fletcher &
“Snakehead Run”



suggested donation:\$10

Proceeds benefit Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA).

New Deal Café Holds Cajun Jam

On Tuesday, February 24 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. the New Deal Café will hold a Cajun jam for dancers, musicians and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. This event is free and beginners are welcome. The Café is located at 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center. More information is available at <http://www.newdealcafe.com>.

More Community Events can be found on pages 2, 4, and 5.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155
ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of Feb. 20

FRI. - SAT.
Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG
11:20, 1:25, 3:50, 5:50, 8, 10:10
Taken, PG-13
11:20, 1:25, 3:50, 5:50, 8, 10:10
Tyler Perry’s Madea Goes to Jail, PG-13 (!)
11, 11:45, 1:35, 2:20, 4:10, 5, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:20
Friday the 13th, R (!!)
11:10, 1:30, 4:30, 7, 10
Fired Up, PG-13 (!!)
11:10, 1:20, 3:45, 5:50, 7:50, 10:20
The International, R (!!)
11:15, 2, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
Confessions of a Shopaholic, PG (!!)
11:45, 2:20, 5, 7:30, 10:20

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Confessions of a Shopaholic, PG (!!)
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MON. - THUR.
All shows \$5 on Tuesdays except Paul Blart, Fired Up and The International
Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG
1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45
Taken, PG-13
1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45
Tyler Perry’s Madea Goes to Jail, PG-13 (!)
1:35, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 6:45, 7:30
Friday the 13th, R
1:30, 4:30, 6:45
Fired Up, PG-13
1, 3:05, 5:30, 7:45
The International, R
1:10, 4:10, 7
Confessions of a Shopaholic, PG
1, 5:10, 7:30

GREENBELT BASEBALL

Registration for New Players
Greenbelt Youth Center
Springhill Lake Rec Center
Saturdays, Feb. 21 and 28
10 a.m. to noon



T-Ball

(5-6 year olds)



Coach-Pitch / Machine-Pitch

(7-8 year olds)

Major League Players

Born 8/1/95 - 7/31/03

Fees: Resident \$40.00, Sibling \$30.00
Non-Resident \$60.00 Sibling \$30.00
T-Ball \$40.00 per player
Copy of birth certificate is required

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Sat., March 7 from 10 a.m. to noon
Draft for major league players
At McDonald Field, 7 Ct. Southway
For info: call Greg Fisanich 301-441-4647

Obituaries

Mary Lou Wolfe

Mary Lou (Lucy) Wolfe, 80, died Wednesday, February 11, 2009. Her children, Cindy Romanik and Donny Wolfe, Jr. were there at her side to help celebrate her life's memories.



Lucy Forrester was born July 17, 1928, into a large family of two sisters, Rosie Hobar (Al) and Lois Corbin (Alfred); and five brothers, the late James Forrester (Norma), Bob (Kay), Dick (Eleanor), Dan (Nancy) and Bill Forrester. Lucy enjoyed the support and camaraderie of her family throughout the years. They lived in Berwyn Heights.

Mrs. Wolfe attended Greenbelt High School where she was a star member of the basketball team and played other sports. She graduated in the class of 1945.

Mrs. Wolfe was a graduate of the University of Maryland where she met her former high school classmate Greenbelt pioneer James Donald Wolfe, Sr. (Donnie). They were married 58 years before his death May 14, 2008. They spent their married life in Greenbelt where they brought up their children.

Mrs. Wolfe was a retired physical education teacher from the Prince George's County Schools System. She enjoyed playing bridge.

Mrs. Wolfe valued family, friends and neighbors above all else. The loves of her life were her two sets of grandchildren: the Romanik clan – Kevin, Brian and Julie Romanik; and the Wolfe clan – Alyssa and Anna and many of their friends who referred to her as "Mom Mom."

Besides her family she will be sadly missed by her son-in-law Gary Romanik and daughter-in-law Ginny Wolfe along with her sisters-in-law, Ester (George) Stepahin, Dolores (Charles) Clift, Grace Miller and Ruth (Walt) Hebb.

Services were held on Monday, February 16 at Beall Funeral Home in Bowie. Memorial donations may be made to the Johns Hopkins Vasculitis Center, Bayview Medical Center, 5501 Hopkins Bayview Circle, JHAAC, Room 1B.1A, Baltimore, MD 21224 (<http://vasculitis.med.jhu.edu/aboutus/support.html>).

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
1st Saturday of the month 10 – 2 p.m.
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.
6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Ted Kliman

Ted Kliman died early Monday, February 16, 2009. The funeral was on Tuesday and the family will be sitting shiva at their home at 58L Crescent Road through Monday, February 23.

An obituary will be published at a later date.

Interfaith Service, Gaza Program

On Sunday afternoon, February 22 from 2 to 4 p.m., Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church will have an interfaith service and program entitled "Gaza: In Search of Our Common Humanity." Sponsored by the D.C. area Sharing Jerusalem organization, the opening worship service will have Muslim, Jewish and Christian teachings led by representatives of those faiths. The program which follows will feature both Palestinian and Jewish speakers.

For program information email Jim.vitarello@sharingjerusalem.org or call 202-234-5817.

The church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi. For directions visit www.pbuuc.org or call 301-937-3666.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.



All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for February 23 through 27 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup, barbecued chicken, black-eyed peas, chopped collards, mixed fruit.

Tuesday – Orange juice, ham with fruit sauce, sweet potatoes, asparagus tips, cherry crisp.

Wednesday – Cream of celery soup, vegetable lasagna, okra, tomatoes and corn, green beans, frosted cupcake.

Thursday – Orange juice, roast beef with gravy, potato salad, Brussels sprouts, banana.

Friday – Orange juice, salmon with dill sauce, whole boiled potatoes, mixed vegetables, sliced peaches and pears.

Public Prayer Gathering for 7 Bahá'í Leaders in Iran who are to stand trial on false charges



Monday, Feb. 23, 2009 • 7:30 pm
New Deal Café, Roosevelt Center
Light refreshments to follow

See <http://iran.bahai.us/>
Please urge Rep. Hoyer to support House Res. 175

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
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Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
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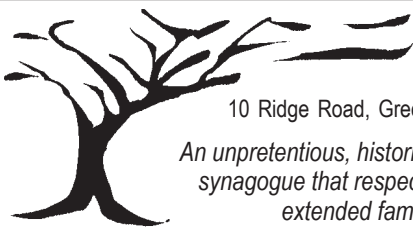


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Faculty Recital Offered at UM

The Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center will be the site of a free faculty recital by Sue Heine-man on bassoon and Paul Cigan, clarinet on Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. Faculty artists Heine-man and Cigan are both members of the National Symphony Orchestra.

All-campus Orchestra Performs at UM

On Wednesday, February 25 at 8 p.m., the UM Repertoire Orchestra with Daniel Walshaw conducting will give a free performance. The all-campus orchestra will perform its second concert of the year in Dekelbourn Concert Hall at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

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Bahá’is to Hold Café Prayer for Prisoners

The Bahá’is of Greenbelt will hold a prayer gathering on Monday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café to express their concern and support for seven Bahá’is who have been in prison in Iran for nearly a year and who are now to stand trial on false charges of spying for Israel and insulting Islam. The public is invited to attend and to bring prayers to share. After the prayer gathering, light refreshments will be served.

The Iranian Student News Agency (ISNA) announced on February 11 that the seven, all members of the national-level committee that coordinates activities for the Iranian Bahá’i community, had been charged. The report quoted deputy Tehran prosecutor Hassan Haddad that “the case will be sent to the revolutionary court next week.” He accused these Bahá’is of “espionage for Israel, insulting religious sanctities and propaganda against the Islamic republic.”

The seven were arrested in March and May of 2008 and have been held in Tehran’s Evin Prison. They have not been given access to their legal counsel, Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi. Recently Ebadi has been harassed, intimidated and threatened by the Iranian government and has not been given access to the prisoners’ case files.

Prosecution of Bahá’i leaders is one step in a 30-year-long systematic campaign by the Iranian government to eliminate the Bahá’i community as a viable entity in the country, the birthplace of the Bahá’i Faith. Some members who were tortured and executed in the past include close relatives of several Greenbelt residents.

At this time some 30 other Bahá’is are imprisoned in Iran solely on account of their religion. Close to 80 more Bahá’is have been required to post deeds of property and business licenses as collateral for bail, have been falsely charged and are awaiting trial.

Updates and background on the situation of the Bahá’is in Iran are posted at <http://iran.bahai.us>. To learn more about the Bahá’i Faith in America go to www.bahai.us.

Greenhill Stream Project Is Funded

The release of funds by the State of Maryland for the long-awaited project to stabilize the Greenhill/Hillside outfall situation may reflect funding to the state in the recent federal stimulus package. The city had been expecting a response during fall 2008.

In any case, in a note to the Greenbelt City Council by City Manager Michael McLaughlin, he characterized the information as “good news!” McLaughlin had requested \$137,425 in state funding for the project.

Required matching funds of \$80,000 have already been provided in part by Greenbelt Homes, Inc., which contributed \$35,000. The city’s contribution will amount to \$45,000, McLaughlin said, though the sum may include in-kind services and money already spent.

A meeting was to be scheduled near the end of February between councilmembers and a city consultant “to walk the project.”



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 23, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

- Peace and Diversity Month-Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition.

Minutes of Council Meetings

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Award of Purchase-Pickup Truck for Public Works
 - Police Briefing-TGI Friday’s
 - State Legisltion
 - Youth Advisory Committee-Eligibility Requirements for Membership
 - *Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- * Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the:
Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (formerly REAC)
Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board
Advisory Planning Board
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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS
NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21
MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, February 23rd at 8pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (live) Tuesday and Thursday, February 24 & 26: 6pm “Ask the Expert” 7:00pm: “Public Hearing on Voting Reform held 2/11” 9:00pm: “Replay of Council of 2/23”
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, Call for Schedule

GREENBELT RECREATION SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS
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VOLUNTEER POSITIONS
The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now accepting applications for summer camp volunteers. Applicants must be mature, highly motivated, outgoing, and between the ages of 15-17. Volunteer positions are limited and are determined through an interview process. Volunteers will be scheduled to work for a two-week session for Greenbelt Recreation Summer Camps. Hours completed may be used toward high school graduation volunteer hours. Call 301-397-2200 for more information. Applications can be found online at www.greenbeltmd.gov or at the Greenbelt Recreation Business Office, 99 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

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MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 23-27

Monday,. February 23, at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal Building. (Live on Channels 21 & 71)

Wednesday,February 25 at 7:30pm, SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE at the Greenbelt Community Center, Rm 111.

Wednesday, February 25th at 7:30pm, PUBLIC HEARING ON VOTING SYSTEM REFORM, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

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2 of the U.S. Voting Rights Law. He has assisted the city in analyzing prior Greenbelt elections to discover evidence that the preferred candidates of African American voters are not getting into office due to the dilution of their votes by white voters.

Silvestri noted that it is not sufficient to show there was no intended discrimination but that voting patterns could have the same effect. To evaluate Greenbelt voting patterns his firm has engaged the services of an outside expert whom he describes as a professor at a major university, who has a Ph.D. in political science and is an individual with a balanced view on voting rights issues who has participated on both sides of the issue in legal cases.

Thus far Silvestri and the city have opted not to identify the expert when asked by those at the hearings. They take the position that doing so could violate the attorney-client relationship that provides a shield for discovery regarding council discussions as they grapple with the potential legal challenge and consider alternatives for Greenbelt's electoral process.

As in the earlier hearing, Silvestri described the results of an analysis of Greenbelt's recent voting patterns that clearly showed that two Greenbelt precincts, numbers 8 and 13, comprise a substantial number of African American voters. Both have a history of low voter turnout. Greenbelt has to deal with those low turnouts, Silvestri said. He

also noted that at one time low turnout was an adequate defense against voting rights challenges but that that is no longer the case.

Proposed Change

Silvestri describes the proposed change in Greenbelt elections – to move from its current and historically based odd-year timing to an even year to coincide with the Maryland state elections and the U.S. presidential elections – as the single best approach to address the critical low turnout issue. He would amplify the turnout efforts with other changes in city election laws and procedures such as early voting, on-site registration, relaxed absentee voting and a greater emphasis on voter information and education throughout Greenbelt.

Having opted for a proposed change for Greenbelt to even-year elections to address the turnout issue, Silvestri then explained that if the change in election year works as intended, it would not be necessary for the city to make the more “drastic” change in their election system to so-called district voting.

He considers the latter a more fundamental change in the way Greenbelt chooses its political leaders that would not normally increase turnout and could possibly result in even lower turnout.

In addressing low voter turnout as the critical issue for Greenbelt, Silvestri dismisses the options for preferential, cumulative or proportional voting schemes as not offering any guarantees that would increase voter turnout.

Other Speakers

The nine attendees who had signed up to speak constituted a geographical cross-section of the city. Although the majority resided in the Center precincts, there were speakers from Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West as well.

Eight of the nine speakers generally applauded the actions taken by council to address the issue but were not in total agreement with the specific recommendations of the Council Statement. Some thought it went too far, others felt it did not go far enough.

Four speakers questioned the proposed move to even-year elections for council to coincide with county, state and federal elections. Those four speakers singled out the concern that having the Greenbelt council races at the same time as county, state and federal elections could lead to situations where the non-partisan city council candidates could be encouraged to join slates with the partisan county, state and federal candidates where their districts coincide or overlap. Some saw such a possibility as a further advantage for incumbency in city elections.

Four speakers were members of the Greenbelt Neighborhood Alliance, which has submitted a letter to council outlining its positions on election reform. Each of the four speakers noted they were speaking for themselves. Some focused on the slating issue; others noted that the Council Statement did not go far enough. They believed that a more ambi-

tious and sustained program for voter information and education was necessary.

Preferential Voting

Two speakers expressed support for considering preferential voting options, one questioning council's characterization that it was rarely used. The other, noting that council's position seemed mainly to be trying to avoid a lawsuit, argued that, “We need a system of voting that produces a better chance for non-incumbents to get elected.”

The speaker also felt that adopting such a change would provide a better chance to have a council that reflects the community. Another speaker expressed disappointment that consideration is not being given to enlarging the council to seven members, noting that could provide better representation for a growing Greenbelt.

None of the speakers expressed support for a district-based system for Greenbelt.

In response to a speaker who, at both hearings, wanted to know what individual councilmembers felt about the changes, Mayor Judith Davis noted that all councilmembers approved the Council Statement that had been developed after much discussion with the experts and among members of the council.

The third and final public hearing on Election Reform Issues for Greenbelt is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center at 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

City Notes

Code enforcement staff reports that eight warning notices were mailed and one municipal infraction was issued for excessively loud music.

Parking enforcement issued a citation at Belle Point's residential area for failure to register a vehicle, two vehicles were placarded with 30-day parking notices and staff responded to three resident complaints regarding parking issues.

Street maintenance staff worked with Maryland Environmental Services on tub-grinding yard debris at the Northway Fields compost site.

Special details crews installed a new crosswalk at Wintergreen Court.

The facilities maintenance crew assisted a contractor with repairing leaks on the roof of the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Recreation staff reported that in coordination with the “Backpack to Health, Get Active Greenbelt” initiatives and an intern from Towson University, a free after-school fitness class will be offered at Springhill Lake Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays during March. Fliers will go out to students.

CARES

The eight-week discussion group for the differently abled was begun. The focus will be to share feelings with others and gain the tools needed for self-improvement. Six people attended the group.

During January, 13 families on average were seen for counseling at CARES. Forty-five individuals on average came on a weekly basis, among whom 13 were 18 years of age and younger. Twenty-seven students participated in tutoring services.

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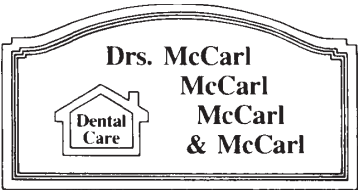


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Robberies

February 6, 9:54 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a person was approached by two men; one demanded money and punched the victim in the face. Both men then fled the scene without taking anything. The victim was transported by ambulance to a hospital for treatment. There is no definitive description of the suspects.

February 7, 5:38 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a man was approached by a youth who threatened him and demanded his jacket. After obtaining the jacket the youth fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 16 years of age, 5'11", 150 pounds with black hair in dreadlocks, brown eyes and a light complexion, wearing a green shirt and gray pants.

Drug Arrest

February 6, 2:31 p.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of phencyclidine and two counts of possession of paraphernalia. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespass

February 12, 9:40 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, two non-resident men were arrested for trespass and released on citation pending trial.

Theft

February 12, in reference to a theft reported October 15 in the 6300 block of Ivy Lane, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident woman with theft.

Vandalism

February 6, 10:36 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the window of a residence.

February 11, 12:48 a.m., 7800 block Vanity Fair Drive, unknown person(s) threw a jar at a kitchen window, breaking it.

Burglaries

February 8, 7:15 p.m., 100 block Westway, a laptop com-

puter was reported taken.

February 9, 12:09 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a woman came home and discovered two men inside her residence. The men fled the scene on foot. A video game player, a CD player, two media players and jewelry were taken. The suspects are described as a Latino male, 17 to 18 years of age, 150 to 160 pounds with black or brown hair and a medium complexion, wearing a blue T-shirt, a black jacket, blue jeans and gloves; and a Latino male 17 to 18 years of age, 120 to 130 pounds with black or brown hair and a medium complexion, wearing a white shirt, a blue jacket and blue dress pants.

February 11, 1:18 p.m., 100 block Westway, two laptop computers were reported taken.

February 11, 7:25 p.m., 7500 block Greenbrook Drive, a woman was sleeping at home when she awoke and saw a person in her home carrying her two laptop computers. She screamed and the suspect fled the scene on foot.

Vehicle Crimes

A silver Lincoln Town Car, Maryland tags 80235CA was stolen from the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive. An attempt to steal a vehicle was reported in the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace.

Both Greenbelt and Prince George's police recovered vehicles (one each). No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Drive (rear tag), 6100 block Breezewood Court (both tags), 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (GPS unit), 9100 block Edmonston Road (rear tag), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (CD player), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (radio) and 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (stereo system).

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at the 9100 block Springhill Lane (slashed tires) and 6100 block Springhill Terrace (dented trunk).

Find School System Snowy Weather Info

The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) makes it easy for parents, students and employees to learn the operating status of the school system as soon as it is available. PGCPS unveiled a new subscription service in October 2008 that is available to anyone through the school system website (www.pgcps.org). By subscribing people will receive an instant email of all weather alerts. They can also choose to receive press releases, school lunch menus and other information.

Listed at the top of the home page of the school system website is the current operating schedule of all schools and administrative offices. Any changes are made immediately in that area of the website. Parents and community members can also sign up for school alerts on www.schoolsout.com. Emergency weather codes for the school system are: Code Green – Schools are closed. All 12-month employees are to report on time. Code Blue – Schools are closed. Central and Zone offices open two hours late. All 12-month employees are expected to report. A liberal leave policy is in effect for non-emergency personnel. Code Yellow – Schools are closed. All offices are closed. Emergency personnel only must report to work. Code Red – The school system is closed for all personnel.

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"Customers do not have to give a large amount of money to make a huge difference," said Greg TenEyck, director of pub-

lic affairs for Safeway's Eastern Division and board chair of the Capital Area Food Bank. "There is an increased need for food assistance right now and if everyone just donates a few cents when they shop, together we can help the people in our community who need it most."

TenEyck said the company raised \$182,000 last year in the Round Up Hunger campaign, proving that a little bit of change can add up quickly to help feed those in need.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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northwest D.C. The Gothic residence was recently restored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and as part of the ceremony marked the first anniversary of its opening to the public.

The Cottage, as it is known, has received capacity crowds since tours began last February, noted Allison Herrman, the house museum’s lead interpreter, indicating the continued reverence held for the martyred President. It was on his way to the hilltop retreat that Lincoln nearly lost his life to an unknown Confederate when a bullet was fired and passed through Lincoln’s hat.

Mary Todd was also remembered in part of the ceremony, with actress Joyce Bailey performing a play as Elizabeth Keckly, Mrs. Lincoln’s African American dressmaker. Bailey was founder of the Black Fashion Museum in Washington, D.C.’s U Street neighborhood. Rosemary Reedd Miller, author of the book “Threads of Time,” also spoke on Keckley’s contributions to Lincoln’s presidency.

Granite Plaque
The highlight of the celebration was the unveiling of a black granite plaque that will form the centerpiece of an intended Lincoln Bicentennial Monument at the library. Cadets from the 1st United States Colored Troops Regiment, a re-enactment company portraying an African American unit of the Civil War, lifted a silk canvas to reveal the 3 foot x 2 foot tablet engraved with a life-sized portrait of Lincoln.

The stone and artwork were given to the library by area historian David V. Wendell to provide a permanent memorial in honor of the Great Emancipator’s 200th birthday. Weighing nearly 100 pounds, the memorial is a landmark for the State of Maryland that, much like the Union after the War Between the States, should endure for many generations. “It’s a leg-



Greenbelt resident Allison Herrman delivers remarks at the Lincoln 200th Birthday Celebration held in Greenbelt on February 14. Herrman is lead interpreter for President Lincoln’s Cottage, a recently restored resort home where Lincoln spent his summers as President. The celebration was hosted by the Greenbelt Branch of the Prince George’s County Public Library, which unveiled a stone plaque as part of a planned monument to commemorate the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln’s birth.

acy carved in stone,” Wendell said. “I hope the world will long note and remember what we did here today.”

David V. Wendell is an area historian, living history re-enactor and special event coordinator.

Saturday Walk Marks Black History Month

Join the Freestate Happy Wanderers for a 5K and 11K walk on Saturday, February 21. Start the walk between 9 a.m. and noon and finish by 3 p.m. The walk starts at the Maryland Disabled American Veterans Post at 8205 Laurel-Bowie Road in Bowie.

The walk follows a trail through the campus of Bowie State University, a historical black college and university. A Black Heritage collection of coins, stamps, jackets, caps, sports memorabilia and historical photos will be on display at the checkpoint in the Wiseman Student Centre. Come talk with

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One such event is the Kennedy Center Honors and, in 2005, Robbins stood in for Oprah Winfrey who presented the Honors award to Tina Turner. Last month Robbins did voice-over work and stood in for B. Smith of B. Smith Restaurants in preparation for the BET Awards at which Smith was honored.

“I thought I would spend Inauguration Day at home and have history in my living room,” says Robbins. “Then I got the call for Michelle [Obama] and knew I had to be there.”

The Big Day

While the rehearsals on January 18 and 19 were long, nothing compares to Robbins’ day on January 20. Having arrived home from rehearsal at the D.C. Convention Center at 11:15 p.m. the night before the Inauguration, she was thankful for a 12:30 p.m. call time for Inauguration Day. However, with warnings of crowded Metro stations and D.C. streets, Robbins was at the Greenbelt Metro station at 3:30 the morning of the Inauguration.

Arriving downtown less than an hour later and not being able to get into the Convention Center despite having security clearance, she thought, “Now what am I going to do?” She spent the next eight hours in an Ethiopian restaurant that was open early for the occasion, meeting and talking with tourists, drinking coffee and watching the sun rise.

“I had a privileged opportunity, one that forever will be part of my family archive,” says Robbins. “This will never happen again and I’m happy to have been a part of it.”

When meeting someone who asks her, “So what do you do?” Robbins replies, “Pick a day.”

“Multi-preneur”

She calls herself a “multi-preneur” – in addition to her job as a government contractor and her work in the D.C. area with the performing arts, Robbins runs a home-based virtual customer service business and hosts a monthly radio show called “So You Want to be A . . .” She is credited for a part in “Liberty Heights”

and was an extra in “Minority Report,” both of which were filmed in and around Washington, D.C.

“So You Want to be A . . .” airs the first Sunday of every month on www.internetvoices.com from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Robbins interviews “extraordinary people” about what they do, why they do it and how they came into a particular career.

Since the show’s inception in March 2008 she has interviewed, among others, a magician, a postal worker, an author, a life coach, a teacher, an engineer and a nurse.

“There is always someone with the same idea [for a career path] but doesn’t know how to get started. It’s a ‘real person’s guide,’” says Robbins, “sort of the equivalent to an occupational handbook.”

Having struggled after college with what she wanted to do, the radio idea developed and, after broadcasting traffic reports for Shadow Traffic on WMAL and working as a part-time air personality at WMMJ 102.3, she worked as a microbiologist at NIH with plans to go to medical school. Robbins’ career choices have been diverse. Taking the opportunity to explore various careers, she has found a way to combine her experiences, skill sets and talents into workable solutions that best fit her passions and interests.

She continues to evolve and live by the Buddhist principle that one must be responsible to oneself while still being responsible for one’s actions affecting others.

Different Paths

Robbins has ventured down many different paths and truly is enjoying her life’s journey. She makes the decision to do what she wants to do when she wants to do it and for whatever length of time she wants to do it.

You can find Robbins enjoying her favorite sport, roller-skating, at area rinks. “We have roller-skaters that fly all over the country for annual roller-skating events,” she says. “We’re basically dancers on skates.”

In addition she is a member of the “Spring Speakers,” Greenbelt’s Toastmasters group, which has helped with the improvisation that is required for stand-in work. She also is active in the Windsor Green community and is a past member of GATE.

Robbins enjoys the atmosphere and food at the New Deal Café and rides her bike to the Greenbelt Farmers’ Market every Sunday during the season. One day Robbins would like to have her own production company. There is no telling where that path will lead her but Ty Robbins clearly enjoys the life she lives – her smile radi-

NAMI to Hold Mental Illness Workshop

Glenn Dale resident Derek Ballard will discuss his personal struggles with mental illness and recovery at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25 in the multipurpose room of the New Carrollton Municipal Center. Ballard, a board member of Prince George’s National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), will present “The Reality of Recovery.” Ballard has fought to overcome inherited and environmental circumstances since childhood and, at the height of a successful business career,

was diagnosed with a mental illness so severe it required hospitalization.

While struggling with this disorder he became an advocate for others with such illnesses, a mission he continues through the Prince George’s Chapter of NAMI. The event is free, open to the public and includes refreshments.

The New Carrollton Municipal Center is located at 6016 Princess Garden Parkway in New Carrollton. For information call James Jones at 301-894-3042.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of Ted Kliman, who died on February 16, 2009.

Condolences to the family and friends of Mary Lou (“Lucy”) Wolfe, who died February 11, 2009. The former Lucy Forrester, she grew up in Berwyn Heights and graduated in the class of 1945 from Greenbelt High School, where she was a star on the girls’ basketball team.

More inaugural memories come to our attention through an Army-Air Force Hometown News announcement that Army National Guard Sergeant Dana M. Raines, daughter of Norma E. Fletcher of Springhill Lane, was part of the National Guard contingent helping provide planning, ceremonial, logistical and medical support, military working dogs and other support to the inauguration. She is a light-wheeled vehicle mechanic regularly assigned to the 729th Forward Support Squadron in Cheltenham.

It’s a girl for Alison and Karl Gary of Ridge Road. Emerson Elaine Gary was born January 8, 2009, at Anne Arundel Medical Center and weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 oz. Our best to all three Garys.

To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



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Many of the mentors spoke of the benefit they themselves received from the program in addition to the positive changes they witnessed in the young boys they mentored.

One mentor, Marcus Smith, said, “The kids are incredibly smart, energetic and creative young boys who just need someone to talk to. Sometimes I think of myself as a venting tool.” When these students had someone to connect with they became more attentive and involved in their own daily education. Smith went on to say, “In their perspective it makes sense — if the world doesn’t listen to me, then why should I listen to them?” This feeling of validation for the young men was one of the main goals of the P-team in developing the mentoring program.

Two More Groups

When the 2008-2009 school year started, two more organizations from the University of Maryland were also interested in forming a partnership with the school’s mentoring program. Araina Ford from Sisters of Unity and Love and Melissa Morgan from Leaders in Action developed their own mentoring teams to work with female and male students. The mentoring program has now expanded to more than 20 students who meet regularly with their mentors.


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School students are excited about being involved in the program. Often other students will ask the parent liaison, Jacob Novick, or Behe when they can get a mentor. Students already involved often refer to their mentors as being like older siblings. They cherish and respect the advice they are given and the time they have to share their own thoughts and concerns. One fifth grade student said, “My mentor is like a big brother. I can tell him anything.”

Since the mentoring program’s conception many of the repeat discipline problems have decreased and even disappeared. Teachers also say that classroom participation and attentiveness have increased. As discipline issues have decreased, many students are now referred to the program by family, teachers or by their own request.

The program has proven to be socially beneficial for all participants. It has provided insight to the P-team in regard to the many issues faced by students and their families. Young college students have also been provided the opportunity to witness the effect they can have on an individual. The program fills a void for students who were lacking one-on-one attention. In this way Greenbelt Elementary students are gaining the knowledge and confidence to succeed and feel secure.

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